Technology assistance by FAO for deep sea fishing

3556. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that FAO (Food and Agricultural Organisation) is ready to give technological assistance to India in project management and consultancies in the deep sea fishing sector;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has submitted a project report to the World Bank which is the funding agency for the project; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Raising funds by companies for teak wood rose gardens

3557. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several companies are entering capital market for raising funds for Teak Wood, Rose gardens etc.;

(b) if so, what is the number of such companies;

(c) the total amount collected so far;

(d) the number of companies which sought prior permission in this regard; and

(e) details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Ministry of Finance has informed that according to readily available information in last one year 1.4.1991 to 31.3.1992) Controller of Capital Issues had not issued consent to any company for raising capital for teakwood/ plantations. However, as per available information, a few companies have advertised sale of teak plants at a price between Rs. 500/- to Rs. 1000/-, promising a good return after 12—20 years.

(b) to (e) The required information is not compiled centrally nor such companies are required to file any return in this regard with the Registrar of Companies or seek prior permission under the Companies Act, 1956.

Voting rights for NRI's

3558. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representations have been received from the NRIs living in different countries for extending voting rights to them; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether some committees of Parliament have also gone into the matter; and

(c) what is the Government's stand in this regard in response to NRI's representations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) A petition received from the Foundation for Critical Choices for India, The Hague and some Indian nationals residing abroad was presented to Rajya Sabha Committee on Petitions in 1983 praying for grant of voting rights to Indian nationals residing abroad and other matters connected therewith Certain other representations were also received to extend voting rights to Indian nationals re-

siding abroad. This matter was considered by the Rajya Sabha Committee on Petitions in its 93rd Report presented to Rajya Sabha in March, 1988. The Committee did not recommend grant of voting rights to Indian nationals residig abroad.

(c) The Government is not in favour of extending voting rights to Indian nationals abroad.

Non-commencement of Acts

3559. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many acts of Parliament have not come into force because the Gazette notification for their commencement has not been issued by Government so far;

(b) if so, what are the details of such acts of Parliament and reasons for their non-commencement;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some enactments of British Raj which have not been repealed are also in the list of such Acts which have not commenced in the absence of Gazette notification for their commencement; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Recommendations made by Law Commission

3560. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently reconstituted the Law Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to entrust the Law Commission the work of reviewing all the enactments which were enacted during the British Raj but are still in vogue in the country;

(d) if so, what is the number of Laws that were enacted during the British Raj and still in force which are likely to be reviewed by the Law Commission with details thereof;

(e) if answer to part (c) above in the negative the reasons therefor; and

(f) what is the number of recommendations made by the Law Commission so far which have not been implemented by Government with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Law Commission has been reconstituted for a period of three years with effect from 1.9.91. Shri Justice K. N. Singh has been appointed as the Chairman of the Commission. The other members of the Commission are; (i) Shri Justice Mohamed Sardar Ali Khan, Fulltime Member (ii) Prof. D. N. Sandanshiv, Full-time Member (iii) Shri P. M. Bakshi, Part-time Member (iv) Prof. M. Marcus, Part-time Member, and (v) Shri G.V.G. Krishnamurthy, Member-Secretary.

(c) to (e) According to its terms of reference the Commission is required, among other things, to revise the Central Acts and to bring the statute book upto date by repealing obsolete laws which have outlived their utility. This mandate will cover the review of laws enacted during the British Raj too.

(f) Out of 144 reports submitted by the Law Commission so far, 67 reports have been fully implemented.